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1. (Amended) [Absorbent] An absorbent article [such as a diaper and incontinence guard] comprising:

a liquid pervious topsheet [(2)],

a liquid impervious backsheet [(3)],

[and] an absorbent body [(4)] enclosed therebetween,

at least one strip having a color or tint different than the backsheet, and

a wetness indicator arranged at an [at which on the] inside of the liquid impervious backsheet in a pattern [(3), i e on the side adjacent the absorbent body, there is arranged a wetness indicator (9) in a certain pattern, which is] and being visible through the backsheet [material],

[characterized in, that] wherein the wetness indicator [(9)] is applied on or adjacent [at least one] the strip [(10) having a colour or tint different from the rest of the backsheet material (3)].

2. (Amended) [Absorbent] The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, [characterized in, that] wherein the strip [(10)] is separate from the backsheet [material (3)] and is fastened on the inside of the backsheet [thereof].

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3. (Amended) [Absorbent] ~~The absorbent~~ article as claimed in claim 1,
[characterized in, that] wherein the strip [(10)] is a differently colored or tinted part of the
backsheet itself [backside material (3) which is coloured in another colour or tint than the
rest of the backsheet material].

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4. (Twice Amended) [Absorbent] ~~The absorbent~~ article as claimed in claim 1,
[characterized in,
that] wherein the colour or tint of the strip [(10)] is an indication of [the] a product type,
size, or absorption capacity [or the like] of the article.

5. (Twice Amended) [Absorbent] ~~The absorbent~~ article as claimed in claim 1,
[characterized in,
that] the article having a length in a longitudinal direction, the strip [(10) extends]
extending in the longitudinal direction of the article over [the] an entire length or at least an
essential part of the length of the article.

6. (Twice Amended) [Absorbent] ~~The absorbent~~ article as claimed in claim 1,
[characterized in,

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that] wherein the strip [(10)] extends in [the] a transverse direction of the article and is applied at a part of the article that is intended to form a folding line [in the] ~~for a~~ folded packaging position of the article.

C2 7. (Twice Amended) [Absorbent] The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, [characterized in, that the width of] wherein the strip has a width [(10) is] between 1 and 8 cm [, preferably between 2 and 7 cm and more preferably between 3 and 6 cm].

8. (Twice Amended) [Absorbent] The absorbent article as claimed in claim 1, [characterized in, that] further comprising:

printed symbols or codes on or adjacent the strip. [(10) there is further printed symbols (11), codes or the like which indicate] the printed symbols or codes being an indication of a product type, size, or absorption capacity [or the like] of the article.